

Pennsylvania Estate - Trip Report



We (7 folks --- Leo, Jim, Dave, Paul, Linda, Wendy and Rick) went up on Tuesday May 16. The morning rush hour traffic was pretty bad on I-476 that was supposed to bypass Philly --- 30 minutes to go 5 miles. Other than that, the trip was long (4-1/2 hours each way) but uneventful --- thankfully. Between MD, DE and PA, we paid \$32 of tolls per vehicle. That was a shock.

Letty (the widow) is a very nice person and was a wonderful hostess to all of us. Overall, the rocks were decent – especially considering that she has been selling stuff for 1-1/2 years already. The best stuff must have been really terrific. She was selling individual specimens for ½ the price her husband PAID for them – each rock had a small sticky note with tiny perfect print with the name of the rock, the amount he paid and the date of purchase. Incredibly organized. And the UV rocks were plentiful and cheap --- 50 cents per lb. Jim bought 700 lbs of UV, Dave bought 53 lbs, Leo bought another 50 lbs. The back of Dave's truck was full going home.

The attached pic (Wendy took pic) of a chunk of Butterfly Wing Jasper is one of the nicer rough specimens that Wendy got. Letty also sold us some cabs that had nice plumes, etc.



Overall, we probably purchased \$1,000 of her rocks. She was happy. And we had a good field trip.

